

8th Graders,

Here is a guide to help you write your Faith Story. You can use your thoughts from class, personal life experiences, reflections from the Affirmations, and outreach experiences to decide how to best express your own faith story at this point in your life.

Things to Remember when writing: 12 point font times or arial, normal margins, one page.

- This is a personal story; there are no right or wrong viewpoints.
- Your finalized story of faith are due electronically to Will Howell by **Wednesday, April 18th**. willh@countysideucc.org
- Faith Stories will be forwarded to Rev. Dr. Elnes, and Rev. Dr. Alexander, but your names will not be included on them.
- Will, Anji, Kyle, and Heather are always available if you have any questions regarding your faith, your faith story, (or anything else).

Where are you in your faith?

The idea is to tell a story, not just answer these questions. The questions below are given to spark your own ideas and thoughts about your own faith, wherever it is at.

Describe God (Everybody has a different idea of God, what's yours)

What does God mean to you? What is God to you? Where do you feel God is? Have your beliefs about God changed? How would you connect with God? What do you think God is not? Have you had any God experiences?

What difference does faith make to you?

What does mean to live with faith or not live with faith? What part does faith play? Is it all random? Does one thing affect another? How do people affect each other and the world? How hard or easy is it for you to have faith?

Share your understanding of Christianity or your issues with Christianity

What new things did you learn about Christianity in Confirmation? Is there a main point to Christianity? What do you think about Jesus, his teaching or his life? What do you think about the connection of Jesus and Christianity?